GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2616
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Involvement of NGOs in Religious Conversion
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that certain Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are engaged in religious conversion in the country;
(b) if so, whether these NGOs are receiving foreign funds;
(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any steps to check such practice; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)
(a) to (d) Certain Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) receive foreign contributions for religious, educational, economic, social and cultural programmes, and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010 provides for registration of such associations for accepting foreign contributions. There have been reports from time to time regarding allegations that some institutions are engaging themselves in religious conversions.
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